Amendment of the Estates Land Act.

* 19 *Q.*—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have taken into consideration my representation regarding the setting off of the arrears of rent if a landholder bids under section 130 of the Madras Estates Land Act ; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to include a provision like this in their intended amending Bill ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The draft Bill now under the consideration of the Government contains a provision to this effect.

Revenue Establishments

Alleged assault of a ryot of Katpadi by the Tahsildar of Gudiyattam.

* 20 *Q.*—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Tahsildar of Gudiyattam, one Mr. Gnanaprakasam, recently assaulted a ryot of Katpadi when he was camping in that village ;

(*b*) whether there was a criminal complaint about him in the local panchayat court ; and

(*c*) whether Government are aware that the same officer, on a previous occasion, kicked a Hindu idol ; and

(*d*) whether the Government propose to instruct the Collector concerned to transfer him to some other taluk ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have not heard of any such case.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Having regard to the answer to the questions (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) the answer to this clause is in the negative.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Did Government make any enquiries or did they call for a report ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" No, Sir."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Will they be pleased to call for a report ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" No, Sir, unless the hon. Member can give me some indication of the likelihood of such allegation being true "

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" The information was in the newspaper. I think the kicking of the idol was before this House."

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I will look that matter up, Sir."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" As regards the kicking of the idol that was a matter which came up before this Council. I think the Government would at least make enquiries in the matter."

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I wish to be assured, Sir, that the hon. Member verified the allegations."